

WAS HE MURDERED.

Two Young Men Claim a Companion Committed Suicide—A Queer Case.

Members of the fishing camps scattered along the river, who came to town yesterday, told a story of an alleged suicide, that occurred the day before. On Thursday afternoon three young men in a skiff passed Cresap's landing. They were quarreling away themselves. The skiff passed up the river, and soon returned, with two men only in it.

The two young fellows were much excited, and said that Thompson, the third man, had jumped out of the boat and drowned himself. A member of the Mark Twain club accused them of having thrown Thompson overboard, which, of course, they denied. They left the camp, and said they were going down to Clarksburg to notify Thompson's friends.

DRAWING NEAR.

The Big Circus Day of the Year next Friday.

As old "Rough and Ready" would have put it, "all the world and the town of mankind" hereabouts are pictorially and editorially advised of the hilarious fact that Sells Brothers' Big Show of the World is to give afternoon and evening exhibitions at Wheeling on Friday, August 26, preceded by a grand free morning parade of unusual liberality and attractiveness. The various interesting and amusing exhibitions massed under the huge tents need not be re-enumerated, but it is pertinent to say that one and all will be forthcoming, as Sells Brothers are honest and impartial managers, who wisely regard one man's money as good as another's, and everywhere, and at every performance, return precisely the same abundant and satisfactory equivalent for the price of admission. This is not the custom with one or more shows of boasted metropolitan reputation, which give much better exhibitions in New York city and Philadelphia than elsewhere; but having thus secured favorable and misleading notices, foist upon what they are pleased to term us "ruralities" cut-down performances, inferior performers and cheap, tawdry displays. It, furthermore, is a fact that the really great artists, who only appear with them for a few days in the cities named, are always engaged by Sells Brothers for the entire season, making their big circus salary list far the most expensive of any on the road.

The Coming Minstrels.

On next Wednesday evening, August 24, Primrose & West's reorganized minstrels will provide "Mirth and Minstrelsy," as the show bills say, for the patrons of the Wheeling Opera House. The company is generally recognized as being the best, as far as the originality and artistic merit of its performances are concerned, and this year it is credited with having exceeded its previous efforts in this direction. The first part now represents a garden scene, with the decorations, costumes, etc., all Japanese, the effect being very picturesque. The sale of reserved seats opens Monday morning.

A Little Boat Sunk.

The Emma Uhl, a little trading boat, the property of Baird Bros., sank in shallow water at the wharf yesterday. Her sinking was due to the shrinkage of her boards above the water line, and waves filled her hull.

BELLAIRE.

All Sorts of Local News and Gossip from the Glass City.

Mr. Wassman, who bought the Crystal window glass works, is very much like the boy who caught a hornet. He is afraid to let it go and doesn't like to hold on to it. A company to operate the works may be formed.

The Ray fishing club, that has been camped near Clarksburg for two months, will break camp Monday. Several of the members will be home to-day in order to commence work Monday morning.

The coal miners and operators of all this section will hold a conference at Bridgeport next Tuesday to fix upon uniform rules to obtain at all mines in this district.

N. S. Hopkins leaves to-day for the fair at Middlebourne, W. Va., with three horses, and will call at several of the rural tracks to get them broken in.

A number of the Knights Templar who went to Denver for this city came in Thursday night, but the bulk of the crowd is not home yet.

Charles R. Gostling will endeavor to organize a cement company here on a large scale. He has been in the business for several years.

Mrs. Shankland Thornberry, of Mansfield, is visiting here, while Mr. Thornberry is buying wool in the neighborhood.

The Epworth leagues of the Methodist churches of this city will go to Powhatan Monday night to organize in that town.

Mr. David H. Jones, assistant principal of the Marietta academy, is in the city working up an interest in that college.

The steel works will go to work in full on Monday, and all the absent workers have been notified of the settlement.

Theobald Klee, who has spent the past three months traveling in Europe, is now homeward bound.

Heatherington's band gives a picnic at Belmont park to-day. The Eliza H. is making trips to it.

The marriage of Miss Bertha Aplin to Frank Westing is announced to take place on the 25th.

Mrs. C. W. Dickens and son, Charlie, are home after a two months' stay at Burr's Mills.

Miss Lea Stewart, of Allegheny, is a guest at the home of Mrs. M. Alma Sanders.

John A. Lockwood and sister, Miss Mary, left yesterday for Kansas City.

Pelky Bros. are about to open a new coal mine in the Fourth ward.

MOUNDSVILLE.

A Miscellaneous Melange of Minor Matters from Marshall's Metropolis.

Oriska Harris, daughter of Mrs. Maggie J. Harris, died at her home on Seventh street, Wednesday morning, in the twentieth year of her age. She was a quiet, unpretending young lady, well liked by everybody. The funeral took place Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and was one of the largest ever seen in the city, the floral offerings being profuse and beautiful.

The cotton weaving mill of Albert Snape & Brother is nearly ready for business. Looms are being placed in position preparatory to the manufacture of goods September 1. The engine and boiler are expected to arrive to-day.

The school commissioners will commence the erection of a new school house on the corner of Ash avenue, in the new part of town. This school will be for the benefit of the children who live on the M. M. & M. Company's land.

Misses Ella and Lizzie McFadden entertained quite a number of their friends at their home, the Mound City Hotel, Wednesday evening. Dancing

and card playing were the chief features of the entertainment, and at midnight refreshments were served. The guests departed at an early hour in the morning, all having spent a delightful evening.

Manager Criswell is having the Opera House scenery repainted and electric lights put in, and the stage is also undergoing extensive repairs. The opening will occur on the 29th of this month, when Edwin Terry will present "Damon and Pythias."

D. A. Clark, of Baltimore, Md., the representative of the Agricultural Fire Insurance company, of New York, is in the neighborhood, adjusting losses by fire, caused by the lightning some weeks ago.

The Fostoria Glass Company will resume operations on Monday. All of the men who have been spending their vacation outside of the city have returned.

The Home Construction and Investment Company has plans prepared and is asking for bids for the erection of twelve new buildings at once.

Mr. John James, the manager of the new shoe factory, is in the east looking after the packing of the machinery, which will be shipped soon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Crockett and family, of Wheeling, who have been visiting friends here, have returned to their home.

A number of people from here will attend the picnic given by Heatherington band, at Belmont Grove to-day.

The Moundsville ball club leaves on the noon train to-day for Clarksburg, where they play this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burchinal were called to Pennsylvania yesterday by the serious illness of a relative.

The sheriff is busy making out tax bills for this year, and there is quite an increase over last year.

Mr. M. V. Richards, the genial B. & O. man, accompanied by his wife, is at the camp ground.

The Park and Frogs will play another match game of tennis this evening on the latter's court.

Misses Josie Francis and Miss Vorda Dorsey, of Wheeling Island, are visiting friends here.

Miss Ella Stewart, of Bellaire, is the guest of friends here.

MARTIN'S FERRY.

Accidents and Incidents in that Thriving City—Personal and Industrial.

The one, two and three-wheel mills, the bar and guide mills at the Etina mill resumed yesterday. The rest will go on to-day and next Monday. A portion of the Standard started on Thursday night. Men who have commenced working will be in good shape for Monday, having to-morrow to rest.

For the most direct, safest and quickest route to Wheeling, drive down Broadway to Etanville, down Lincoln avenue to the New Back River Steel Bridge to Island, down North Huron street to Virginia, east on Virginia to Penn street, down Penn one block to the New Main Channel Steel Bridge to Main street, Wheeling.

Eugene Carpenter is building a foundation of concrete for his new building on Hanover street. He says the cost will be less than one half that of stone and the concrete will last twice as long. He will use about 200 barrels of cement.

Ladies when out driving will find a trip to Wheeling by way of Broadway, Lincoln avenue and the New Steel Bridges the safest route. No railroad crossings or delays.

D. K. Allen has secured the names of over forty old soldiers who have promised to attend the encampment at Washington.

Misses Rachel and Sarah Hoyle and Myrtle Williams have returned from an extended visit in Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska.

Miss Sarah Lewis has resigned as teacher in the North school to take a position in a hospital at Boston.

Fred Jones and George Robertshaw went to Cadiz yesterday to play a match game of tennis.

Parker Elliott and daughter Sadie returned last night from Cleveland.

Miss Grace Graham has returned from the country.

BENWOOD.

Industrial Items, Personal Gossip and General News Notes.

Small boys were busily engaged yesterday in hunting dogs for a gentleman whose son is affected with alleged hydrophobia, and who wanted about thirty canines to put in the room with the boy, it being supposed that it the boy should bite one of them the dread malady would depart from him to the animal bitten. The man offered a dollar apiece for the quadrupeds, and untamed dogs were again at a premium.

The Church of God in McMechen, is undergoing considerable repair and improvements, which will enhance its appearance and increase its size.

The performance given by the Tarr family in city hall last evening, was fairly attended by an appreciative audience.

A small child of Mr. Hill Burge's, who lives in McMechen, was buried yesterday in McMechen's cemetery.

M. Fitzpatrick is suffering from a very sore hand, being unable to work on account of it.

The Pythian sisterhood held their regular meeting last night.

Miss Nora Delbeare is the guest of friends near Morgantown.

Mrs. B. B. McMechen returned yesterday from Wheeling.

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An Epidemic of Bloody Flux.

Last summer the flux raged here to a fearful extent. About five miles north of here at the Whiteside graveyard there were five victims of this dreadful disease buried in one day. The doctors could do nothing with the disease. When my family was taken, I went to Walter Brothers, of Waltersburg, and told them the situation. They said, give Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy; that they had sent out several hundred bottles into the infected district and "every day we hear how this medicine is curing them. So far we have not heard of its failing in a single instance." I went to giving it and could soon see the good effects and a cure was the result. Anyone in doubt about these facts may write to me—L. C. Ellis, Rock, Pope Co., Illinois. For sale by druggists.

The Sunday morning train on the Ohio River road will hereafter leave at eight o'clock, city time, instead of seven o'clock.

Clearance Sale.

All odds and ends of Oxford Ties at reduced prices.

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LETTERS AND WORDS OF HEART-FELT THANKS.

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All the words of gratitude and praise that Drs. Copeland and Davis have read in their correspondence and heard in their offices since the publication of their notable announcement in these columns to treat all diseases and all patients for \$5 a month, medicine included, would melt a heart of stone to tenderness. If there were any doubts in their minds before taking this important and far-reaching step as to its propriety or its results from a business point of view, they have all been dispelled by the flood of grateful letters and the army of grateful patients that have poured in on them since.

To the true physician whose heart is in the right place, there is a sense of satisfaction in relieving human suffering and producing cures that is vastly paramount to the fee received. Money alone cannot recompense a physician for the attention to every little detail and the constant watchful care of a long and toilsome battle with disease. It is the

Splendid Results Achieved, the heartfelt "God bless you" of the grateful patient, which brings that feeling of genuine satisfaction to the physician that money alone can not bring.

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It would be impossible to reproduce all or a tenth part of the grateful letters that have been received this week. One showing the temper of all will suffice. An old lady writes:

"God bless you, Dr. Copeland, for placing health and happiness once more within my reach. I have known of your skill, for you cured my son of bronchial catarrh, but he is a cripple and our income was small and I knew I could never get the money necessary to take treatment for my trouble, if I had to pay more than \$5 a month. I have prayed God that you might be the way for me, and I have heard of other people similarly afflicted might have the benefit of your skill, and I watched the papers for weeks.

Hoping and Praying, and your notice last week flashed on me like a beam of heavenly light; and could scarce believe my eyes; yet there it was in black and white, and I determined not to lose a day, but to apply for treatment at once.

"Let me thank you again for this boon, for now I know that in a reasonable time I shall be cured and relieved of all my suffering."

Many others ran in the same vein, and hundreds have called at the office to take advantage of the terms, and have expressed their appreciation of this remarkable offer.

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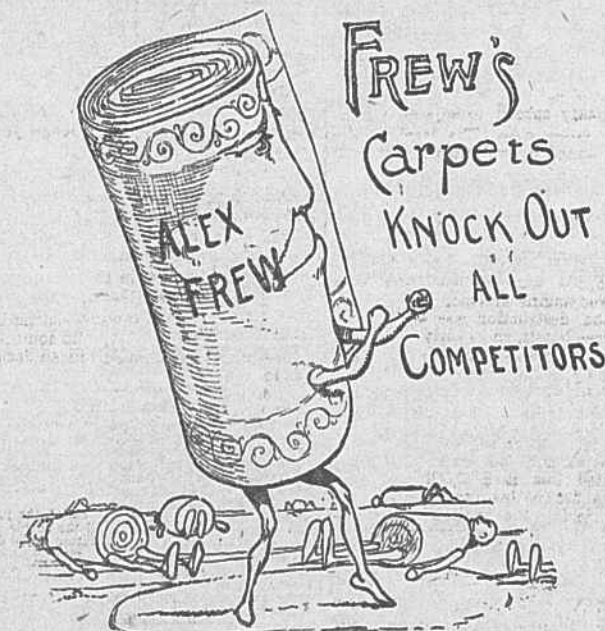
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